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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robert C. Brewster

As the FBA's activities come to a close for another year, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who have helped or supported the FBA through the year. Thanks go especially to:

- my colleagues on the Executive Board, whose commitment, interest, and zeal have set an example for the rest of us;
- Ellie Becker, who took over so smoothly as editor of the FBNews and manages, with the help of Denise Vogt, to turn out a fine product each month while juggling other responsiblities, including a career;
- · Donna Costlow, FBNews ad manager, who is keeping the paper solvent, by attending to our all-important advertisers;
- May Aaberg, who oversees the sorting and handles the bulk deliveries of the FBNews, and her helpers and/or substitutes, Judy Thomas and Jennie Lazowski;
- · Ceil Aptaker, Janet Axtel, Mary Brewster, Randy Brooks, Betty Brown, Claire Ciftci, Marie Dolan, Ed Donaldson, Helen-Marie Fruth, Isabella Geppert, Morella Hansen, Anne Lomas, Marianna Moore, Jon Nowick, Kay O'Brien, Mel Ogden, Virginia Randolph, Donna St. John, Jenifer Seal, Catherine Stokes, Judy Smalley, and Judy Thomas who make the rounds seeing that the paper gets delivered;
- Grace Watson, who produced the first complete, computerized listing of all FBA
- Father Daughtry, W.C. Cooper, and Michael Kekker at St. Paul's Church through whose kindness and cooperation Pillsbury Hall is made available for our monthly meetings;
- Geoffrey Stamm, Chairman of ANC2A, and his fellow commissioners Steve Levy, Lou Rigdon, Ralph Rosenbaum, Sue Schumacher, and Maria Tyler, for their collaboration with and support of the FBA;
- Sgt. Edward Dowling and Officer Marty Clark, 2nd Precinct, who have helped the community in many ways;
- the many members (whose names are listed elsewhere in this issue) who contributed almost \$600 in donations to the FBA; and
- the individuals and businesses (also listed elsewhere in this issue) who advertised in the FBNews and who merit our support.

Finally, to those whose efforts on behalf of the FBA I have failed to recognize either through ignorance or inadvertence, my deepest apologies. We are grateful nevertheless.

# Meeting

# Foggy Bottom Association

**FBA ELECTIONS** 

8:00 P.M. JUNE 30, 1986

St. Paul's Parish House 2430 K Street, N.W.

#### **FBA to Hold Elections**

On June 30 1986 elections selected by the Nominating will be held to vote for 11 people to serve as your representatives on the Executive Board of the Foggy Bottom Association. Pending the outcome of a proposed Bylaws amendment, you will be called upon to elect either 4 officers and 7 at large Board members; or create a new "officer" category - and elect 5 officers and 6 at large Board members.

The current FBA structure calls for 4 officers (i.e., the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer), and 7 individuals elected from the neighborhood. However, the amendment would call for 5 officers (the 4 above plus a Membership Director) and 6 other Board members.

Candidates for election issue.

Committee are as follows:

For President: Robert C. Brewster

For Vice President: Holsey

G. Handyside For Secretary: Jessie I. Stewart

For Treasurer: Richard Price

For Membership Director or Executive Board: Grace E. Watson

- For Executive Board:
- / Jeanne T. Abel √ Robert Alcorn
- Jenny Brake
- Robert H. Charles, Jr. Howard W. Feldman
- ✓ Isabella Geppert
- Dorothy Ohliger Edward Schleifstein

Information the candidates will be found elsewhere in this

# **INCREASE IN FBA DUES PROPOSED**

Confronted with the need for additional resources to meet current operating requirements and to fund desirable enhancements in and additions to FBA activities and programs, the Executive Board has for several months been considering a possible increase in Foggy Bottom Association annual membership dues. The President and Vice President reported briefly on the Board's discussions at the April meeting of the FBA.

The Executive Board agreed at a recent meeting to put a formal proposal to the membership for an increase of FBA dues from \$5.00 per year to \$7.00 per year. The dues proposal will be voted on at the June meeting together with the proposed changes in the FBA Bylaws (outlined in the May Foggy Bottom News). FBA members will also elect new officers at the June meeting.

The Board believes the additional funds are needed to provide the resources to:

- embark on a major effort to rekindle the interest and active involvement of current members in the Foggy Bottom Association via new program activities, including from time to time paid speakers, a broader range of social functions professionally planned and managed, periodic mailings to all members, etc.;
- launch a vigorous and systematic campaign to attract new members of the Association by reaching out to current residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End who are not now members of the FBA and to new residents of our urban residential community;
- obtain expert advice and professional administrative support when needed (such as an occasional legal opinion, historical preservation expertise, periodic professional secretarial or computer assistance, etc.), plus the use or possible purchase of modern office equipment;
- begin the accumulation of a modest contingency fund as a hedge against the return of financial stringencies. At the moment, the Foggy Bottom News is in sound financial shape and is paying its own way. It has not always been so;
- develop a regular and systematic public relations and contact effort to protect and advance the interests of the residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End - for example, the (continued on page 5)

### PROPOSED PEDES-TRAIN WALKWAY **OVER I-66**

The Department of Public Works proposes to construct a pedestrian bridge linking the firelane/walkway along the southern facade of Columbia Plaza and the Kennedy Center grounds in the vicinity of the Saudi Arabian Embassy. The proposed crossing would be an extention of F Street, and would terminate at a door leading to the interior of the Columbia Plaza complex at the dividing line between the townhouses and the office building. The purpose of the bridge is to halt jaywalking across I-66 by theater and concert-goers who walk to the Kennedy Center from offices and residences east of 23rd Street or who walk there after parking their cars at Columbia Plaza.

After considering the Department of Public Works proposal at its March meeting, ANC 2A vocted unanimously to request the Chairman to convey the ANC's vigorous disapproval of the proposed walkway to DPW. Subsequently, ANC Chairman Geoffrey Stamm forwarded an alternative proposal based on an E Street alignment prepared by FBA Vice President Holsey Handyside to DPW.

On April 21, at the request of the DPW design engineering staff, Stamm and Handyside walked the proposed alternative route from the intersection of 23rd and E Streets to a point on the Kennedy Center Plaza midway between the entrances to the Hall of Nations and the Hall of States. They described in detail and located the series of pedestrian walks and bridges which would provide pedestrian access to the Kennedy Center for the first time, thus correcting a basic flaw in the original design of the performing arts center.

The DPW staff engineers and their design consultant cautioned that the alternative proposal would cost substanially more than the DPW proposal. The neighborhood representatives reiterated the community's vigorous objection to the expenditure of \$850,000 for a pedestrian crossing just because Federal highway funds are available. They voiced particular objections to the present DPW proposal since the proposed crossing would not, in the view of the neighbrhood representatives, solve the jaywalking problem it is supposed to eliminate. The proposed DPW walkway is a city block away from the route taken by those seeking a "short cut" to the Kennedy Center, and will thus not be used by them. Money spent on a "solution" -which does not solve the problem is a complete waste. Such a use of taxpayer dollars in this era of federal deficits and drastic cuts

The DPW officials requested the design consultant to prepare a preliminary cost estimate of the neighborhood-proposed alternative. They then indicated that no action would be taken on the walkway proposal without a formal public hearing, and assured the neighborhood representatives that the members of the community would have ample opportunity to express their views on the project.

in the budgets of domestic pro-

grams can hardly be justified.

### FB Apothecary Relocates

Foggy Bottom Apothecary, formerly in the 2400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, has reriage House, between L and M ta Y. Zoltrow.

#### Foggy Bottom News

### Members Contribute \$591 To FBA This Year

Foggy Bottom Association members contributed \$591 to the FBA during the July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986 year. The 69 contributions were in addition to the dues and ranged from \$1 to \$45. Member making contributions were: Marion E. Anderson, Benita V. Belden, Tapley W. Bennett, Warren E. Blair, Evelyn Blue, Doris E. Bomstein, Mary B. Brewster, Robert C. Brewster, Catronia M. Brown, Gail Burnett, J. Bradway Butler, Patricia Chabrier, Paul Chabrier, Claire Ciftci, Orville W. Donnelly, Carl S. Dorn, Sally H. Dorn, Martha Driver, R. Timothy Evans, Dorothy T. Fischer, Ruth Gaffney, Marcia Glauberman, Karen S. Hamrick, Holsey G. Handyside, Robert G. Hart, Dr. Charles R. Hayman, Ernestine C. Hellman, Mary Herner, Saul Herner, June Herrick, Melvin Hershkowitz, Doris Herzmark, Vorda M. Honnold, Gemma M. Jabes, Ida Janet, William H. Johnstone, Viola M. Keskinen, Dorothy Kidder, Gerald Lamboley, Anne G. Lanpher, Jennie H. Lazowski, Stephen M. Lott, Harriette T. Love, Paul W. McKee, Anna T. McNerny, Charlotte F. Mc-Nerny, Murdaugh S. Madden, W. James Martin, Helen E. May, Lucille Ochis, Alma V. Parker, R. Sheila Penners, Lillian Purdy, Dorcas Ramey, Louisa S. Randolph, Mary K. Reese, Betty G. Rosenberg, Julius Ross, Lethean Rowe, Perrin John Shaffer, Jane Denis Smith, Marie C. Stark, Eleanor located to 1118 - 22nd Street. Sutherland, Mary L. Tank, The pharmacy, operated by Penelope H. Thunberg, Alice Desio Gomes, is now in the F. Tilson, Carl L. Vacketta, building just north of the Car- Grace E. Watson, and Henriet-

Our thanks to all!

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After a lively discussion, the Association approved a resolution calling on its President to make known to the ICC and the District Government the FBA's opposition to the movement of the coal required by the GSA heating plant by truck across the city, and in particular through the Foggy Bottom area. This has now been done.

The ICC in early June directed that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be pre-

pared. In its draft scope outline for the EIS the ICC proposes to devote one section to the truck transport of coal (in-Maria Tyler, Chairperson cluding the effect of vibrations and air emissions on adjacent historical structures; effects on traffic congestion and safety; effect of noise, vibrations, and air emissions on adjacent residential and commercial areas) and another section to possible alternatives to the requested abandonment (including denial of the authority; permit only discontinuance of operations; and mitigation through alternate truck routes, delivery of coal by barge, etc.). Written comments on the proposed scope of the EIS are required by July 3.

### Letter to the Editor

The Safeway at Watergate is its coal deliveries to trucks. The now called a "food emporium," a term which appears to offer increased quality. While applauding the renovation, there are customers like me who are concerned that it may turn out to be just a high-priced Town House.

> That concerns stems from the fact that some brands (the less expensive) and some sizes (the more economical) are missing, and that sale items seem to be unavailable until after the sale. Let's hope this is a temporary situation caused by the renovation. I understood both the manager and the district manager to say that they will stock items which we explicitly request. It is up to us to give management our written "lists" of desired items, and get "rain checks" on missing sale items; speak up and communicate instead of grumbling.

> > Jim McGranery

### Foggy Bottom News York Resident

By Edmund Winterbottom

Manager Retires

were the guests of honor at a etc. farewell party given by the rican Foreign Service Club.

ments Tenants' Association D.C. until it was closed. So he attempt to buy and convert the years when the ownership membership.

Over this "village" presided

the Howard Trust, but also the tenants, young and old alike. He took care of innumerable details; he transported the handicapped; he helped students Resident Manager Howard find furniture; he helped peo-Paul Nuss and his wife, Heidi, ple to move in and out, etc.,

Howard Nuss came to the tenants of the York Apart- York in 1972, recently retired ments, 532 - 20 Street N.W., on from the U.S. Prison Service. Friday, May 30 at the Ame- He had worked at the Juvenile Training School for Boys at In 1979 the York Apart- Fort Lincoln in far northeast was formed in an unsuccessful had been at the York for 14 building to a condominium. changed hands this past Out of this abortive effort, the February. By mutual consent York became a "village" where with Peter Sharp and Comtenants got to know their pany, he retired for the second neighbors and to like each time. He will be greatly missed. other. YATA has remained ac- Nobody can really take his tive for the past seven calm place, no matter how efficient years despite some changes in any new resident manager may

Howard and Heidi Nuss the "Mayor," Howard Paul have bought a motor home, in Nuss. He not only served his which they plan to travel to employer, B.F. Saul Company, California to visit relatives manager of the property for (seems as though every Ame-

rican family of any size has relatives in California!), perhaps going by way of Canada and Expo 1986. In all their travels, we wish them a safe journey and a "Bon Voyage."

The York can properly be described as a mixture of retired professionals and other elderly tenants; a group of young professionals employed at the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, various D.C. and U.S. government agencies, and private industry; and both graduate and undergraduate students at the George Washington University, but it is usually affectionately referred to as "The Geriatric Home" or "the Youth Hostel" depending on the group being described!! The York contains 120 units (40 one-bedroom, 64 efficiency, and 16 bachelor apartments) with many tenants who have lived there for decade and students resident for a few years at most.

### **Book on Watergate Gardens Published**

New on the market is "The Secret Gardens of Watergate: Hints for Balcony, Rooftop and Patio Gardeners Gleaned from Washington's High-Level Horticulture," by Pauline Innis.

Pauline Innis has written 14 books on subjects as varied as protocol, treasure hunting in the Blue Ridge, numerology, and a pig named Ernestine who lived in a potting shed in Devon, England, where Mrs. Innis grew up.

She has lived and gardened with her husband, Admiral Walter D. Innis, at Watergate West since it was built in 1969. A connoisseur of the world's most renowned gardens as well as a hands-on gardener, she has had success on her balcony with plants as difficult to grow as Hankow willows. She has coaxed roses to a size that brought raves from the Jackson & Perkins rose catalog, and has bred several new pollen-carrying bees).

In this book Mrs. Innis reveals her failures along with her successes - and those of her neighbors. Watergate's resident tomato specialist, whose aerial plot is affectionately known as Love Apple Square, shares his advice with her on vegetable gardens. She includes recipes featuring such produce as Chinese herbs grown by Anna Chennault on her rooftop terrace. And she describes designs of some of the city's most glamorous apartments.

If you would like to know how to build a fish pond 14 stories above a stream of traffic, how to use plants to screen your ledge from your neighbor's, how to double the charm of your flowers with a magical Looking Glass, or how to grow trees hydroponically and avoid lugging in dirt, you can reap a harvest of ideas and surprises from this insider's view.

It is available from EPM Publications, Box 490, Mc-Lean, VA 22101, for \$9.95 varieties of lilies (high above plus \$1.50 shipping/handling.

### the normal intercession of Spring and Summertime Repair Fraud

Residents should be on the lookout for home repair scams, ranging from driveway sealing jobs that wash away with the first rainfall, roof repairs where a large deposit is requested and the workers leave to purchase materials and never return, and automobile body work that is only temporary and not complete.

During the spring and summer various groups migrate north, usually spending only a week or two in our area. During this time they usually victimize elderly homeowners. They generally roam through residential areas going door to door soliciting work. The vehicles they drive usually have out-of-state registration, generally from the south, with roofing or driveway materials on them.

Residents coming in contact or observing this type of activity should call the police to report the suspicious activity. The phone number of the Second District is 282-0050.

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### Candidates for FBA Elections

Robert C. Brewster (Nominee for President)

Bob Brewster is a consultant and retired Foreign Service Officer. He and his wife, Mary, have lived in Foggy Bottom at 2528 Queen Anne's Lane since 1966 with the exception of a period when they were stationed abroad.

Previously vice president and currently president, Bob worked on the bus ban and the Whitehurst Freeway problems, helped with the West End Branch Public Library, was a member of the FBA/ANC 26th and K PUD Committee, and helps maintain the public park at 26th and Queen Anne's Lane.

Holsey G. Handyside (Nominee for Vice President)

Holsey G. ("Handy") Handyside has resided in and owned a home in Foggy Bottom since September, 1962. By profession he is a Foreign Service Officer. Currently Vice President and FBA Transportation Issues Chairman, he testified on the proposed redesign of the Whitehurst Freeway at the DOT public hearing and before the Transportation Committee of the D.C. Council, and testified for the FBA and the ANC at the National Park Service hearing on the Georgetown Waterfront Park. Handy served as a member of the community committee which reviewed the Planned Unit Development at 26th and K Streets, and participated in the negotiations with the developer for a residential-only use covenant and additional offstreet parking spaces. Continuing and special interests are the improvement of street lighting in the area and participation in the Public Space Project (maintaining the small city park at 26th & Eye Streets).

Jessie I. Stewart (Nominee for Secretary)

Jessie I. Stewart has been a resident of Foggy Bottom since 1981 when she became resident manager of The Claridge House Co-Operative (25th & K Streets, N.W.). Since 1984, she has been a resident at Potowmac Overlook Condominium (26th & K Streets, N.W. where she is resident manager.

Jessie has worked closely with the FBA to ban tour buses from parking in the Claridge House Drives and surrounding areas and to enhance the safety and cleanliness of our neighborhood. She has also worked with the ANC on several residential and commercial development issues. A native of New York City where she held professional positions in building management and personnel management/industrial relations, she also worked extensively with national/civic groups. Jessie has a warm spot in her heart for Foggy Bottom and its residents!

> Richard Price (Nominee for Treasurer)

Richard Price has lived in Foggy Bottom for 9 years – 2 years at Columbia Plaza and 7 years at 2555 Pennsylvania Ave. He works as a health policy analyst for the U.S. Congress at the Congressional Research Service where he specializes in health care financing issues. He has served the past year as Treasurer of the Association. He is especially interested in enhancing the resi-

dential character of our neighborhood through progress in historic preservation and through improving the attractiveness and cleanliness of our streets and green spaces.

Grace E. Watson (Nominee At-Large or for Membership Director)

Grace Watson currently is serving her second term on the FBA Executive Board. She has been a resident of Queen Anne's Lane since 1969 and has worked with committees dealing with the bus ban and new construction in the area.

As Chief of the Training Operations Branch in the U.S. Department of Education, Ms. Watson is responsible for training the Department's professional and secretarial/clerical employees. She is on the Board of Directors of the National School Volunteer Program, Inc., and has been a member of D.C. organizations seeking to improve the community.

Jeanne T. Abel (Nominee At-Large)

A resident of Foggy Bottom for eight years and Washington for 18, I have been Secretary of the FBA and involved in local activities. These include: contributor to the FBNews; member of the Membership and Nominating Committees; presentor of neighborhood concerns to the D.C. Zoning Board on the 7-11 case; help in organization of the Spring Fling and Oktoberfest; and active campaigner for the bus ban. I served several terms as board member of the Foggy Bottom Mews condominium, where I live.

My education includes a B.A. from Trinity College and a master's degree in economics and manpower management from George Washington University (for which I hold few loyalties). After a 5-year absence, I recently returned to the American Red Cross as an assistant director. In the interim I taught local residents business skills and managed several real estate limited partnerships in which my late husband was involved. In doing so I developed organizational and management skills that, I believe, will be an asset to the FBA Board.

Foggy Bottom is my home. I want to continue to work to preserve the residential character of our neighborhood. I ask for your support, ideas and efforts.

Robert Alcorn
(Nominee At-Large)

Bob Alcorn is a longtime resident of Foggy Bottom and the West End and lives at the Swarthmore Apartments on 25th Street. Actively engaged in the fight for preservation of residential housing, he has worked for many years toward maintaining rental housing and establishing condo-coop buildings for residential uses only, and has been on several committees on the city and local levels to that end. He was one of the founders of the Friends of the West End Library, established the Neighborhood Crime Watch, serves on the board of Miriam's Kitchen which feeds the homeless, and on numerous other committees which are devoted to public services, parks, traffic flow problems, etc. He was one of the team which saved the Swarthmore for housing and converted it to condo living. He has long been active in neighborhood problems and has always believed that the Foggy Bottom Association should represent the needs and views of all the residents who live within its bounds. He has served on the Foggy Bottom Board for several years.

Jenny Brake
(Nominee At-Large)

I have been a resident of Foggy Bottom since 1985 — living on 25th Street, 23rd Street, Pennsylvania Avenue and at the Bader on K Street since 1971.

I served on the FBA Board in the 1981/82 year. I have also served on the Board of D.C. Common Cause as a representative from Ward 2, was the elected representative of the Ward 2 Democrats for my precinct from 1983 to 1985, and I am serving on the Board of the Ward 2 Tenant Council. Through them I was appointed by the Mayor to serve on the Community Advisory Committee for the ward plan of the Comprehensive Plan. I am also currently on the Bader Condominium Board of Directors.

I have been and am a concerned citizen about my neighborhood, my ward and my city. I am concerned with the erosion of our housing base the addition of hotels, the expansion of George Washington University, the conversion or building in residentially zoned districts of medical clinics and other office use buildings which skirt the zoning restrictions. I am concerned with pedestrian rights (or should I say the lack of them?) and the ambience of our neighborhood. My concerns, I believe, are concerns of all of us and one way I can serve this com-





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# Robert H. Charles, Jr. (Nominee At-Large)

Bob Charles is President of Access to Telecommunications, Inc. — a small D.C.-based independent television news service.

Bob has been active in the Foggy Bottom Association for 15 years — serving for 3 years as President (1975-78), as an "ex-officio" officer (1978-80), and as an elected Executive Board member from 1980 to the present. He has lived, while in Foggy Bottom, both "north" and "south" of K Street.

In 1976 he was elected and served for 8 years as one of four Ward 2 representatives on the D.C. Democratic State Committee (DC DSC) and helped to draft the Ward 2 Democrats, Inc. constitution and by-laws - he currently serves as chair of Precinct Three. In 1981, Bob was asked by the DC DSC to head up its efforts on "City-Wide Ward Re-Alignment" (resulting in the inclusion of Georgetown within Ward 2) and in 1982 served as the Co-Chairman of the Ward 2 Task Force on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to adjust pertinent jurisdictional boundaries. Since 1978 he has served as one of a 3-member panel on the DC/DPW Traffic Adjudication Appeals Board.

Bob attended Yale College and Harvard Business School. He also worked for the U.S. Departments of Defense and Commerce and held staff positions in the U.S. Congress (both Senate and House).

# Howard W. Feldman (Nominee At-Large)

A resident of Foggy Bottom for the last 24 years, Mr. Feldman is employed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and has served in many community-related organizations over the past years, including as Chairman of the Neighborhood Planning Council, the Planning Commission on ANC's, the Foggy Bottom Association Board, the Foggy Bottom/West End ANC, the Jefferson House Tenants Association Board, and as President of the Jefferson House Unit Owners Associa-

#### Isabella Geppert (Nominee At-Large)

Isabella Geppert has lived in Foggy Bottom for thirty years. Since 1979 she has resided at the Westbridge. Before moving there she lived at Munson Hall and Potomac Plaza Terrraces, where she served on the Board of Directors for two years and as President in 1982/1983.

For five years she represented St. Stephen Martyr Church on the West End Layman's Association, an ecumenical group that included all the churches in the area. She also served four years on St. Stephen's Parish Council. She has delivered the Foggy Bottom News for the past six years, has participated in FBA Membership drives and has served on the Foggy Bottom Board the past two years. Miss Geppert is interested in a clean and beautiful Foggy Bottom.

### Dorothy Ohliger (Nominee At-large)

Dorothy Ohliger has lived in Foggy Bottom for over 30

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years — first in the President Apartments, followed by the Alamac Apartments (now the River Inn Hotel), and in 1978

moving into the Claridge House Cooperative.

She is an active participant in Foggy Bottom Association and ANC affairs in an effort to keep Foggy Bottom residental.

She is a former Foggy Bottom Association Executive Board Member and was elected to the board in 1980, 1981, and 1985. She also is a member of the West End Citizens' Association.

She supported the bus ban and helped stimulate a public outcry to keep the area's only Safeway food store in the Watergate complex. She testified at the special public hearings on the Whitehurst Freeway/K Street Tunnel and has participated in numerous FBA spring and fall block parties.

She is employed by Scripps Howard Newspapers as an Executive Assistant.

# Edward Schleifstein (Nominee At-Large)

Edward Schleifstein has been a resident of Watergate East since 1965. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Watergate East and has served on the Board of the National Association of Watch Material and Jewelry Distributors of America

Schleifstein is also a member of several fraternal, social, and charitable organizations and is an incumbent member of the Board of the FBA.

He retired from business in 1981. He was last associated with W. Bell & Company.

### FBA DUES ...

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selective mailing of the Foggy Bottom News to District Government officials and public opinion leaders, reimbursing volunteers for expenses incurred in testifying at public hearings or lobbying public officials or private decision makers, etc.

# Metro Starts Extended Sunday Service June 29

Starting June 29, 1986, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will extend Sunday evening rail service from 6 p.m. to midnight, a week earlier than originally planned, Metromanager Carmen E. Turner has announced.

"We are initiating the extended Sunday hours one week early as a service to area residents and visitors to the Nation's capital. More people are finding Metrorail a safe and convenient way to explore the region on weekends. With the long July 4th weekend just ahead, it makes sense to start the new service a little earlier," said Mrs. Turner.

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# The Va. Ave. Safeway Food Emporium







By Mary E. Healy

I love it; I love it; I love it!!! Remodeling of our Safeway in the Watergate complex is completed, finished, all done, ready for the onslaught of customers oohing and aahing over the spectacular array of expanded stock of seafood, meats, poultry, vegetables, fruits, deli items, etc., you name it, they have it. Or, if it is something which you just cannot live without, they can probably get it for you. The store and all its stock really do look beautiful; in the past two weeks I have purchased so many deliciouslooking things that I am afraid to get on the scales.

Remodeling of the Safeway started on March 11, 1986 and except for some very minor things it will be completely finished when you read this article. What has been accomplished in just a little over three months is amazing, particularly when you consider that the store remained open every day except Tuesday (the slowest customer day of the week). I don't know what many of us would have done had Safeway elected to close the store altogether during the remodeling. Even though it probably would have been completed faster, we would have been hard pressed if the store had closed for even a short period. On the other side of the coin, it wouldn't have done Safeway any good either. Safeway Management, Manager Sam

Nehman and all the staff of the Virginia Avenue store are to be complimented on their efforts during this remodeling period; their courtesy to customers trying to find where items had been moved during the night; and their willingness to "go look with the customer" was outstanding and deserving of our thanks.

Sam is very proud of the store; he feels that now he can give his customers the service they deserve. This is Sam's "second time around." He was here for three years; then Safeway tapped him over our loud protests, to open a new store in the suburbs. After three years away he came back; has now been back three years, and has been looking forward to the new store. We are lucky to have Sam; he is experienced, intelligent and accomplished in dealing with customers and employees.

Research for this article led me to find that the Safeway Stores Corp. has four categories of stores: its Town Houses, Food Emporiums, Conventional Stores and Food Barns (discount, no frills stores). Knowing our aversion to becoming a Town House I was careful to raise particular questions on our classification. Our store is classified by Safeway as a food emporium now offering to us a wide variety of items, including many special and/or unusual items as well as the conventional items previously stocked. Prices on conventional items should remain the same as other Safeway emporiums or conventional stores. As the saying goes, you generally get what you pay for so I assume a fair price will have to be paid for the unique or specialty items.



There will be four Safeway food emporiums in the metropolitan area: Crystal City, Connecticut & Van Ness, and our Va. Ave. Store; a store for Southeast Washington is in the making.

You will find that practically all the storage area in the former store was taken away to permit stocking of new or expanded items and new services. If the item is in stock it generally will be on the shelf (or maybe under the counter). Safeway couldn't push out the walls but they did a good job within the four walls. To offset lack of bulk storage space the store is stocked every night after closing time so that the early birds who go to the store at 8:00 AM will find the shelves all full again - every day. Store hours are still 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM every day except Sunday when the store is open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

#### Here's What's New and Different

New or greatly expanded

New: a Make-Your-Own Salad Bar (both vegetable and

fruit), hot freshly-made soups, hot rolls and breads baked on the premises (you can smell them baking early in the morn-

An expanded Deli (2 1/2 times as large) with a greater variety of cheeses, meats, homemade pastas and pizza; the cheese section is really gourmet;

New - Fresh Seafood Section, an old fashioned selection similar to what you would find at a specialty fish market; including fresh lobsters in a tank. If you like, Safeway will steam your choice for a small fee. Clams and oysters, octopus, red snapper, monkfish, all sizes of shrimp - to name a few items - make a beautiful display. The fish is both fileted and whole (Safeway will bone the whole fish for you).

An expanded Meat Section (everything available at the Georgetown Safeway is here as well). This section also carries chickens, ducks, turkeys, and other traditional items. You can also find stuffed pork chops, stuffed chicken breasts or whole chickens, stuffed peppers and all sorts of goodies. The stuffed items are prepared on the premises.

The expanded Produce Section is a joy to behold; an artist must have planned the layout of the beautiful assortment of fresh vegetables and fruits, traditional as well as international items. I have never seen and you can use that tape to strawberries the size of those in help you start your list for your

the Safeway the other day (outside of Alaska in July, where the continuous daylight and sunshine for a long period lets you grow strawberries the size of small apples!!!) I treated myself to two strawberries and they were just great.

At this writing the new Floral Section isn't finished but the refrigerated cases will do a great deal to let Safeway provide fresh arrangements and cut flowers, This section will also have plants of many sizes, shapes and varieties.

An expanded Health and Beauty Aids Section will carry a full line of vitamins, toiletries and non-prescription items.

A new Frozen Food Section has been provided. This one is really a Frozen Food Section, with everything you can think of in it, all really frozen. Now you don't have to hunt and root around for items; they are all there right in front of you.

In addition to fresh squeezed orange juice, now you can also get fresh squeezed grapefruit

New, and oh so welcome, Check-out Registers (five of them) which are much faster and more accurate (or as accurate as you can be when checking out huge crowds). The register tape tells you what you bought and what you paid for it; when you get home you can easily check to see that you got everything you paid for,

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next store day. I had to "unlearn" putting my frozen foods in plastic bags to keep them from dripping; you can't do that now until after your package goes over the scanner (it gives the checker a fit trying to get the price and item to register). So I put them in plastic bags after they have gone through the scanner. If they are not too swamped the checker or bagger will do it for

Remember in the "old" days specialty items were shelved all together in one part of the store? Well, now all specialty items, like teas, dressings, coffees, soups, etc. are stocked right with the basic commodity. Everything is together take your choice - regular or special. Makes shopping easier and faster. And the Dietic Food Section has been expanded for those with special health problems and there is a natural soda section (no preservatives).

Some niceties still to come are a RECIPE CENTER at the Seafood Section and nutritional information at specified locations.

Sam Nehman assures me that we can still get the special attention to which we have grown accustomed under his management. If you can't find an item on the shelves, talk to him and he will try to get it for you via the Safeway Stores warehouse, or through direct purchase if you are willing to pay the price.

Those of us who depended on the Safeway for years appreciated it even though we longed for many things that it didn't provide. Now we have what we have been wanting a first class store — let us all enjoy and use it. Go in, look around, buy your "old favorites" and experiment with the many new items available now.

Again, our Foggy Bottom community thanks the Safeway Stores Corp. for a fine "new" store and thanks to all Virginia Avenue Safeway employees who continue to try to make it a pleasure for us to spend our money at Safeway.

Volkswagen Specialist

### Residents Criticize Local Tax Structure at Wilson's Hearing

Foggy Bottom residents were among those criticizing the District tax structure at a hearing held on June 3 by Ward 2 Councilmember John A. Wilson, Chairperson of the D.C. Council's Committee on Finance and Revenue, and attended also by Councilmember Hilda Mason. One of a series of meetings being held to determine community views, the hearing focused on questions such as 1) whether real property assessments are equitable, 2) what sort of property tax relief should be granted to senior citizens and blind and disabled persons, 3) whether District inheritance and estate taxes are too high, and 4) whether the District should abolish the inheritance tax and conform to the federal estate tax.

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Area residents who made statements or commented were Ellie Becker, Robert C. Brewster, Mary Healy, and Richard A. Mullens. Organizations represented were the American Security Bank, Citizens for Fair Assessment (CFA), and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Brewster and the CFA representative characterized the property assessment system as unfair and inequitable, lacking in uniform criteria, and capricious in its execution and results. Specific details and studies were cited. Wilson concurred, noting that he and others were continuing to work to bring some order and equity to the system but with little or no cooperation from the District administration.

The present D.C. estate and inheritance taxes were criticized by several witnesses for being substantially higher than similar taxes in Maryland and Virginia and for taxing transfers of property to surviving spouses. It was strongly recommended that D.C. law be changed to permit, as does present Federal law, transfers to surviving spouses free of estate and inheritance taxes and that the D.C. tax rates be brought more in line with the Maryland and Virginia rates. There was testimony that because Maryland and Virginia had more favorable tax provisions on the estates of decedents, many D.C. residents and those arriving in the metropolitan area were motivated to live in Virginia or Maryland. The recommended changes in D.C. law would eliminate this unfortunate factor.

Mullens mentioned that the D.C. real estate transfer and recording tax also has a bias against D.C. residents in that the District took the position that the two percent transfer and recording tax was due on a transfer to a revocable trust established by a D.C. resident even though the resident retained full power and authority over the property until his death. Maryland and Virginia do not tax transfers to revocable trusts. Wilson asked Mullens to give him a written statement of his views on the transfer and recording tax, saying he would consider it as well in drafting legislation.

### A Reply to Mr. Gilpin

This is a reaction to the letter to the editor by Mr. C. Bernard Gilpin (D.C. Department of Public Works) published in the May Foggy Bottom News. In it he reported on his Department's endeavors to provide relief from through-traffic in Foggy Bottom. Such relief was promised by the Mayor in a meeting with neighborhood community leaders on May 14, 1985, following the community's rejection (both the FBA and the ANC) of the Mayor's alternative for the Whitehurst Freeway rehabilitation.

Having been closely involved in the WHF rehabilitation exercise - and its follow-up for Foggy Bottom, the K Street East End Committee — I must state that there exist extraordinary gaps between the relief this community has requested and the scant proposals for improvement - if any - contained in Mr. Gilpin's letter. I

separation of commuter and through-traffic, and for relief from the pounding of heavy trucks along the residential portions of K Street. These modest requests must be viewed against the Mayor's decision to rehabilitate and widen the WHF (by providing shoulders), involving a projected expenditure of some \$60 million, and to streamline access to K Street from Canal Road and the Key Bridge, involving an additional estimated expenditure of some \$20 million. Apart from an improvement for pedestrian crossing at 25th and K Streets, Mr. unacceptable conditions. Nor The phone number is 727-1397.

am not referring here to this will they provide protection community's arduous attempts from a yet larger commuter to get a tunnel or a depressed traffic volume that will be roadway (such alternatives generated in Foggy Bottom were discarded by the Mayor as once the diversion of WHF being too expensive). I am re-traffic from Georgetown onto ferring to our requests - ex- K Street is accomplished pressed in FBA and/or ANC through the construction of the resolutions - for a total improved connections from Canal Road and Key Bridge onto K Street.

> Maria Tyler Commissioner ANC-2A03 Chair, Transportation Committee ANC-2A

#### West End Library **Summer Hours**

Summer hours at the West End Library started June 15. The major change is that it will NOT be open on Friday. Open Gilpin's meager proposals pre-times are Monday and Wednessented thus far will bring no day from 1:00 to 9:00 PM; substantive relief to Foggy Bot- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturtom residents from the present day from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM.



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## FBA Founder Herb Socks Dies

Herbert Socks, one of the founders of the FBA, died recently at the age of 75. A resident of the neighborhood in the 1950's Socks was one of a group who organized the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association, and served as its president for several years.

During his career he was a pharmacist working at Cathedral Pharmacy, and later joined the Commerce Department, where his early assignments included helping organize foreign distribution of the Salk polio vaccine. He retired in 1975, and moved to Lucketts and Leesburg, Virginia.

## Snow's Court's Betty May to Florida

Longtime FB resident Betty May of Snow's Court heads this summer for the warmer climes and cleaner air of Stuart, Florida. Betty has been in DC since 1950, and has lived most of that time in the Bottom. Retired from the CIA, she was very active in St. Stephen Martyr Church, was on its Council, and headed a children's arts program based at the church. She also participated in a variety of community activities, including delivery of the FBNews. Betty has relatives in the Stuart area, and she will be enjoying what looks like one of the best views possible over a lake and a wildlife preserve. Her friends will miss

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### Highlights of ANC-2A **Monthly Meeting April 8, 1986**

Traffic light at 27th & K Streets: The Department of Public Works informed the ANC by letter that a traffic signal will be installed in the next couple of weeks, and should be in operation by mid-May. The light will permit additional turns at this intersection and therefore create new commuter traffic routes between the west (Lower K Street/Georgetown) and south (I-66/Roosevelt Bridge) to reduce the number of cars that currently filter through residential Foggy Bottom. The new light will also be timed to the signal 25th & K to discourage red-light running at

**B&W** Garage building at 1250 24th Street, N.W.: Phil Brown and members of the family, who own the building, presented photographs and other evidence to show that the sidearm walls of the facade were in good structural condition and were apparently demolished by the Kaempfer Company deliberately, in violation of the commitments made to the ANC in January 1985 to retain these portions of the facade as part of redevelopment of the building. Attorneys for the Kaempfer Company declined to appear at the meeting, citing pending litigation about the matter, but by letter presented a zoning opinion that they were not required to retain the sidearm walls and offered to respond to written questions from the ANC. The ANC voted to deplore Kaempfer's lack of adequate explanation, condemned the apparent intentional demolition, called on Kaempfer to restore or replace the sidearm walls, and asked that the building permits for construction of the new structure be suspended until the original sidearm walls are reconstructed.

Greyhound Bus Terminal building: Richard Striner, president of the Art Deco Society, spoke about the historic significance of this building to Ward 2 and the city; it is located several blocks outside the ANC's east boundary. A landmark application on the building has been pending for two years, and it presents an unusual preservation situation in that the classic art deco style building is very well preserved under the aluminum skin that was applied years ago. With the understanding that the affected ANC-2C is generally in

Foggy Bottom News favor, ANC-2A voted its strong support of landmark status for the building.

Liquor license policy: The ANC's ad hoc committee on liquor licenses reported that the D.C. Council has scheduled a hearing on the subject. In view of this, the ad hoc committee recommended that the ANC adopt a general statement of principles and concepts to be on record, although the ad hoc committee's comprehensive study of the subject already under way could not be concluded and presented to the neighborhood for public consideration in time for the Council hearings. The ANC adopted a preliminary policy that recommends the Council consider raising the drinking age to 21, requiring a deposit on all bottles and cans, improving enforcement of a variety of laws related to Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and its activities.

Grant School, 2130 G Street: The ANC will ask that the fence at the rear of the school be replaced in order to prevent the illegal parking that is now occurring in the adjacent Gallinger Playground because of access through the school prop-

### May 13, 1986

G.W. Historic District Nomination: ANC has submitted a Historic District nominaton for part of the campus.

B & W Garage, 1250 25th Street, N.W.: The ANC passed a resolution reaffirming its position that (in the interest of historical integrity) the front facade of the building (now being redeveloped for office and retail space) should retain its current redbrick color rather than being painted white, and that the glass used in that facade should be green rather than clear.

F Street Tennis Courts, G.W. University: Having received no complaints on the subject, the ANC passed a resolution supporting George Washington University's application for a special exception to continue use of the courts for four more

Parking lot, 23rd Street between L and M: The ANC passed a resolution opposing the application by the Pedes Brothers for a special exception to allow use of the above lot for parking on an interim basis. ANC opposition was based on the noise which a parking lot would produce.

### June 10, 1986

Mayfair House, 2100 L Street: The developers have changed their proposal and now want a 10-story apartment house rather than a hotel. ANC agreed to support the proposal if the developer executes a covenant ensuring long-term apartment use. The ground floor will be retail and restaurant use.

Maxwell and Tennyson Pharmacy, 2112 F Street: Following an ANC inquiry, the city zoning office will investigate how the pharmacy received a certificate of occupancy for commercial use in a residential area. Originally, the pharmacy was only supposed to serve patients of the doctors in the building.

Parking garage, 2020 F Street: The ANC will support continuation of the use, as no complaints have been received.

Hotel Lombardy, 2101 Eye Street: The owner is proposing to update the kitchen by extending to the rear of the lot, requiring a request for a variance because the building is nonconforming. The addition will not be visible from the street. ANC neither opposes nor supports.

Foggy Bottom Historic District: Commissioner Levy reported that the Review Board will not make a decision until July.

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The ANC meeting schedule for the summer is July 8 at the Red Cross Building; August 12 at Columbia Hospital for Women; and September 9 at St. Mary's Court, all at 7:30 p.m.

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